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"FIRST THINGS FIRST!"

So long as any appreciable number of people have faith in Aberhart, the more honest and "constructive" an alternative political program, the less chance it will have of gaining popular acceptance. Only a more **DISHONEST** program—a **BIGGER BRIBE**, could possibly have any appeal to those under the Aberhart delusion. Therefore, the **FIRST ESSENTIAL** to a **RATIONAL** approach to our problems is the **DESTRUCTION** of the **IRRATIONAL** and **DISHONEST** Aberhart chimera. **THAT** can be done on Feb. 9—**IF** our members of the legislature have the vision and courage to place "**FIRST THINGS FIRST**."

NOT A BETTER PLAN, BUT A BETTER MAN!

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ABERHART CAN BE OUSTED FEB. 9 IF HE IS MADE TO FACE THE MUSIC

As Aberhart will not fight **OPENLY**, it is only on the floor of the House where he can be compelled to **FACE** his accusers and be forced to either **FIGHT** or **QUIT**. Certain members of the legislature—**Social Credit** and **Opposition**—have definitely promised to **DEMAND** at the forthcoming session that Aberhart face the charges made against him in the December and January issues of **The Rebel**. **WE** have done **OUR** part by providing the **LEVER** to force Aberhart into the open. **The M.L.A.'s** will do **THEIR** part. It is now up to **YOU—the Public**—to do **YOUR** part.

What M.L.A.'s Can Do:

**DEMAND WITH UNITED VOICE THAT ABERHART
FACE HIS ACCUSERS OR RESIGN**

To Hon. Members of the Alberta Legislature: First, a special word to those who have undertaken to bring **The Rebel** charges up at the forthcoming session. The fact that you appreciate the serious nature of the matters raised is sufficient assurance for us that you will also deal with them in a correspondingly serious manner. If we may offer a word of encouragement, we would say that if you have the vision to appreciate the full potentialities of your opportunity, and the courage to take advantage of it, you will make important history at this session, not only for Alberta, but for Canada and the Empire.

You have an opportunity—ready-made for you by **The Rebel**; you have the **POWER**—inherent in your office as members; and you have the **RESPONSIBILITY**—by virtue of this opportunity and power, to bring the Aberhartian fraud to an end at the coming session and thus pave the way for the restoration of honesty and decency in public affairs.

You may be sure that if you will discharge this responsibility in harmony with the clear demands of the situation, victory will be yours, you will have the support of every right-thinking citizen, and your courageous action will be recorded as one of the epoch-making events in Canadian history.

Remember, gentlemen, the important pages of history are written **ONLY** by men of **ACTION**—by those with enough imagination to properly evaluate the significance of the elements entering into the creation of events, and with the vision and courage to **DIRECT** the course of events in a manner to culminate in the objective desired.

TO S.C. MEMBERS

To "loyal" S.C. M.L.A.'s: Whether you like it or not, you are definitely "on the spot." You have the choice of either facing the issues we have raised, voluntarily, like men, or under compulsion. But face them you must. We have been very generous with you in the past, and we have no desire to be otherwise now.

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What YOU Can Do:

**SUPPORT THE REBEL AND M.L.A.'s IN
THEIR DEMAND FOR A SHOW-DOWN**

50,000 "Demands" Wanted

Here is the situation in so far as the general public is concerned:

1. The Aberhart government was elected to office on the promise of William Aberhart to pay to every bona fide citizen of Alberta **COST-FREE** dividends of \$25 per month, and upon his assurance that he could perform this miracle in a strictly **LEGAL** manner.

2. Fulfilment of this promise and assurance was and is what may by courtesy be designated as the **ONLY MANDATE** given to the Aberhart party by the people.

3. That despite recent denials by Premier Aberhart in this regard, the aforementioned promise and assurance constitute the only mandate ever given his government, is **OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF** in the "Agreement of Association," signed

by every caucus **Social Credit** member of the House, and the first paragraph of which reads: "The people of Alberta have demanded a secure sufficiency of the amenities of life in freedom and that it shall be **IN THE FORM OF \$25 A MONTH** for all bona fide citizens of Alberta and be accompanied by a lower cost to live."

4. Since assuming office, every major legislative act of the government has been **ILLEGAL** and **OPPOSED** to the mandate of the people.

5. **THEREFORE**, the government having not only **DEPARTED** from its original mandate, but having legislated in a manner diametrically opposed to it, the government has **NO RIGHT** to retain office, and should resign and seek a new mandate from the people.

6. Apart from the fact that the government has no mandate for its practices of repudiation and illegal legislation, specific charges of serious public misconduct have been preferred against the head of the govern-



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WHAT M.L.A.'s CAN DO—Continued.

We would prefer to credit you with having enough honor and common decency to behave like men. However, in the past, you have chosen to act like spineless cowards. That is your privilege. It is our privilege to denounce your cowardice, to instruct and reprove you in respect of your public conduct.

"He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without mercy." So says the Bible. It is for you to decide whether you shall continue in your hard-necked resistance to instruction, and be destroyed, or whether you shall listen to reproof and mend your ways.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."—Also the Good Book. Take your choice. Confess your public sins and receive mercy, or keep on trying to cover your misdeeds, and take the consequences.

We quote from Scripture again: "He that justifieth the wicked and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord." You have been doing just that. Many of you, after condemning Aberhart as a liar, double-crosser, etc., like a "dog that returneth to its vomit," returned to him, justified his public crimes and wickedness, and condemned those who stood for righteousness and justice.

"He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous, him shall the people CURSE, nations shall abhor him." Can you blame the people for cursing you after your hypocritical attempts to twist Aberhart's wickedness into righteousness? If you are wise, you will take this advice: "But to them that rebuke him (the wicked) shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them." Yes, be men; rebuke Aberhart for his cowardly, dishonorable deception of the people; make him "face the music."

We are not pleading with you. We are TELLING you what you must do. You KNOW that Aberhartism is a FRAUD. You know that you were elected by means of this fraud. You know, therefore, that NOTHING you may do could possibly alter this simple fact. There is only one HONORABLE course open to you, and that is to make public acknowledgment of your fraudulent conduct, compel Aberhart to do the same, and thus open the eyes of the people whom you deluded so shamefully, and make it possible for them to give RATIONAL consideration to rational proposals. Only by doing this can you hope to amend in some measure the terrible crime you helped Aberhart to commit against the people of Alberta.

We repeat, you have the opportunity of taking your "medicine" voluntarily, or, if you prefer, to have it forced down your throats. Apart from our preference that, in your own interests, you face the situation like men, we do not care which course you choose. The final outcome will be the same, with this difference: If you take the honorable course, the whole mess can be cleaned up at once, in a spirit of friendliness and co-operation, and you will have some chance of restoring your self-respect and regaining the respect of honest people; whereas if you are going to be pig-headed about it, the fight may be prolonged, the suffering of the people needlessly drawn out; but your disgrace will be the greater and more certain, with no further hope of saving your honor. There are those who tell us that your \$2,000 per year is your ONLY consideration. We do not believe it. Your action at the forthcoming session of the House will give the answer.

DISHONEST LEADERS

Not so long ago we heard an opposition member of the legislature, in giving a report at a meeting of his party followers, declare that the Social Credit members of the government were so dishonest, dishonorable and contemptible that he could not bring himself to even speak to them in the House.

Imagine, a man elected and paid by the people to fight exactly the crookedness which he condemns so piously before his party supporters, using the very reason why he SHOULD speak and fight as his excuse for keeping his mouth shut and doing nothing!

Yet, the silence of this man is perhaps more honorable at that than the two-faced nincompoopery of those opposition members who, in PRIVATE conversation, condemn Aberhart as about the lowest kind of scoundrel, but in their PUBLIC utterances treat him like an honest man. (And then, most likely, hold their hands up in holy horror over what The Rebel says!)

If their silly, dishonest double standard of judgment fooled nobody but themselves, it would not matter. But there is a real danger in it that, on the one hand, it weakens the convictions of the opposition rank and file, and on the other, strengthens those on the side of Aberhart. Where the leaders of an opposition have no "fight" in them, their followers are bound to lose courage; and by the same token, when not vigorously opposed, the proponents of the other side gain more confidence in their own cause and become more contemptuous of their weak-kneed opposition.

It is a matter of record that with one or two notable exceptions, the opposition members of the legislature have done virtually nothing toward exposing the Aberhartian fraud. Instead, they have helped Aberhart along by squabbling among themselves over petty partisan differences and wrangling over non-essential side-issues provided by Aberhart to detract their attention from his real designs. The fight against Aberhartism has been carried on almost entirely, not by members of the legislature whose special duty it is to fight, but by men on the

outside who have recognized the dangers in the mounting apathy of citizens grown weary from waiting for action.

WHAT YOU CAN DO—Continued.

ment by public men, private individuals and publications, all of which he has refused to answer.

7. THEREFORE, whether YOU are FOR or AGAINST "Social Credit," if you stand for HONESTY in public affairs, it is YOUR clear DUTY to DEMAND two things:

(a) That Premier Aberhart be compelled to face the charges made against him; and

(b) That the government resign and seek a new mandate from the people.

With regard to (a), these charges appear in the December (1938) and January (1939) issues of The Rebel and need not be repeated here. They are clear and specific. They are of such a serious nature that, if true, Premier Aberhart should be dismissed from office in disgrace and dishonor; and, if false, those who made them should be prosecuted.

Certain M.L.A.'s—Social Credit and Opposition—have definitely indicated that they will bring these charges up at the session of the legislature opening on February 9. However, while these members are going to put up a fight with the view of bringing the crazy Alberta political situation to a head and paving the way for sanity and honesty in public affairs, and while their efforts, if properly directed, SHOULD and MAY result in accomplishing this desirable objective, victory can be DOUBLY assured if YOU will do YOUR part. WE have done OUR part. The M.L.A.'s will do THEIRS. Now it is up to YOU to SUPPORT The Rebel and the M.L.A.'s in the forthcoming fight. They NEED your support. They WANT your support. And if YOU MEAN BUSINESS, it is up to you to GIVE them your support to the very limit of your ability.

Certainly there could be no more perfect "set-up" than that which we have provided for ending the Aberhartian farce. The "dynamite" contained in the December and January issues of The Rebel is sufficient, if properly handled, to blow Aberhartism off the map. But if you want to know what it is all about when the battle starts and want to do your part, you should have copies of these two issues.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IMMEDIATELY

You can lend MOST EFFECTIVE support by writing to us along the following lines, which we suggest as a basis for thousands of "demands" upon Aberhart to face The Rebel charges and for the government's resignation:

"Editor: The Rebel, Calgary.

"I hereby authorize you to request, in my behalf, ALL members of the Alberta Legislature to: (a) DEMAND that Premier Aberhart either face the serious charges of public misconduct made against him in the December (1938) and January (1939) issues of The Rebel, or resign; and (b) That whereas the Alberta government has departed from its original mandate and has no mandate for its practices of repudiation, illegal legislation and its efforts to restrict freedom of speech and free access to the courts, to DEMAND that the government resign forthwith and seek a new mandate from the people."

AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE

If you have any imagination at all, you will appreciate what a powerful weapon we would have to place at the disposal of the M.L.A.'s who are going to fight YOUR battle, if we had, say, 50,000 of such "demands" to take to Edmonton on February 9 in support of their fight. We are prepared to do just that. So, if you want to help the fight along, let us have your "demand" RIGHT NOW, and then go out and get your neighbors to send theirs in.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT ESSENTIAL

While we shall, of course, be glad to take care of your "demands" without cost to the very limit of our financial resources, if the fight is to be carried on to a successful conclusion financial support is absolutely essential. Therefore, if you have not already sent in either a "regular" or a "sustaining" subscription, we invite all who are able and FREELY WILLING to do so, to send either a "regular" subscription of \$1, or a "sustaining" subscription in any amount it is desired to contribute to our "battle fund," along with their "demand."

Remember, regardless of the outcome of the first fight at the forthcoming session of the House, the FINAL battle will have to be won at an ELECTION; and if The Rebel is to carry on an EFFECTIVE fight, we must have not only your moral encouragement, but also your FINANCIAL backing to give the publication the widest possible circulation. So we put it squarely up to YOU. It is YOUR move. And as time is precious, we urge that if you are going to act at all, ACT NOW.

SUSTAINING SUBSCRIPTIONS INVITED

If you wish to assist in defraying expenses of radio broadcasting, advertising, and, in general to carry the fight against Aberhartism to a finish, you are invited to let us have a SUSTAINING subscription in any amount you desire to contribute.

For every dollar contributed you may have THE REBEL sent to as many persons of your choice—thus aiding circulation—or you may designate the whole or any part for expenses.

Remember, regardless of the outcome of the coming session of the House, the final battle must be won in an election. The effectiveness of THE REBEL will be largely determined by the measure of the financial support received. Mail your subscription to: THE REBEL, Calgary.

"Self-Praise Stinketh!"

WHY DOES ABERHART MAKE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIMSELF, BUT REFUSES TO ANSWER THE TRUE CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM BY OTHERS? BECAUSE—"The heart of the RIGHTEOUS studieth to ANSWER: but the mouth of the WICKED poureth out EVIL THINGS."—Prov. 15, 28.

At the very commencement of his political "sermon" in Calgary on January 8, our dear Dean Aberhart worked himself into somewhat of a lather, as is his custom, over reflections upon his character existing only in his guilty conscience, but which he delights to impute to others—without, of course, ever naming those who are supposed to have slandered him.

In his best holy cat-fit style, he trumpeted in assumed sanctimonious indignation: "To read some papers you would think that a man fit to be Premier must be a hail-fellow-well-met with a bottle in one hand and a pack of cards in the other. There are some who think a religious man is not fit to lead the people. . . . With all the conviction of my soul I say what this Canada and province needs is statesmen who believe in the Word of God and are not ashamed to show their confidence in the Bible."

Dead silence greeted the outburst. And no wonder, for no one has ever heard of anyone making such a silly allegation against Aberhart as was implied by his ridiculous suggestion. It was nothing but a brazen, super-conceited request for PRAISE of HIS self-styled religious leadership. Small wonder that he found it necessary to ASK for applause! "What's the matter with you?" he queried petulantly when the obviously anticipated flattery failed to materialize: "What about a few Amens! Come on! Show your feelings!" Finally Daddy Watson, who can usually be depended upon to come forth with Amens and Hallelujahs at the right time, and a few others grasped the idea that their prophet-premier wanted to be patted on the back, and thus, with a little more pressure, they weakly gave their leader the flattery and praise he demanded. What a smelly business to take place in an alleged House of God!

And what hypocrisy in Aberhart's claim that "some papers" have given the impression that a "religious man is not fit to lead the people"! We ask the wide world to point out where ANY paper has ever at ANY time even hinted at anything of the sort. Where does Aberhart get this rot about a "bottle in one hand and a pack of cards in the other" having been suggested by ANYONE but HIMSELF as a qualification for the premiership? We have never heard anyone but Aberhart mention anything of the sort; just as we have never heard anyone but Aberhart mention the alleged allegation that his grandfather had been hanged for horse-stealing. But has ANYONE ever heard him answer a definite, specific charge made against him by anyone other than himself?

This silly proclivity of Aberhart's for INVENTING SLANDERS AGAINST HIMSELF and then posing as a maligned martyr is becoming wearisome. If he were honestly concerned with defending himself against attacks upon him, he would find time to answer—if he could—at least some of the many serious charges of public misconduct made against him by persons in the highest positions of responsibility, instead of trying to build himself up as a hero by cooking up fake slanders against himself and shadow-boxing with these creations of his own imagination.

Aberhart knows only too well that the quarrel with him is not on account of any religious qualities he may possess, but because of his sacrilegious, blasphemous ABUSE OF RELIGION. Knowing his guilt, he dares not face his REAL accusers, and so, to detract attention from the real charges against him, he INVENTS accusations against himself and fights enemies having existence only in his twisted brain.

J. T. Shaw, M.C. K.C., and That Fellow With the Queer Name

Because we were visiting our wife at the hospital, where she was confined owing to a fractured leg, we did not hear Aberhart on Sunday, Jan. 22, and we are therefore indebted to a friend from Morrill for a copy of a letter sent to a local newspaper in which mention is made of references by Aberhart to J. T. Shaw and also to some allegedly vile person with a "queer name," presumably that of the editor of The Rebel. We quote a few pungent observations from the Morrill letter:

"How much longer is a disgusted Alberta public to be expected to stifle its indignations at the pillorying and vilifications of prominent public men of the province which comes over the air from station CFCN on Sunday afternoons? For instance, last Sunday the Premier mentioned in what he has named his 'Happy Hour,' which should be one in which to teach love, not hatred, the name SHAW in a derogatory manner.

Presumably the name Shaw indicated Captain J. T. Shaw, M.C., who achieved fame through a brilliant record during the World War, who is an Albertan with countless friends who are proud of him and his successes in more spheres than one. . . . The Premier also muttered something about the barking utterances of the man with the queer name. . . . He was apparently not manly enough to mention the name of one whom he knows has called upon him to resign his offices, usurped through unlawful acts, and one whose name is known as that of a man who as a true Britisher and Canadian is fighting the intolerance which has divided our people and which is known to cause animosities even among our children attending school. Also perhaps this letter will bring to the attention of the Premier the fact that the man with the queer name did his duty for Canada during the World War.

"If our Premier considers the two gentlemen whom he had in mind when trying to hold them up to ridicule during his supposedly religious service have attacked him unwarrantedly, why does he not take action through the Courts, instead of using a pulpit to try to injure their reputations? Perhaps his lack of action in this respect is the biggest proof of his unfitness to hold three high offices in the affairs of the government of the people of Alberta."

Wisecracks for February

(By L. W.)



CHARLIE'S LITTLE JOKE—One day last week I was favored with a call from my old friend Charlie Crow-face. Always liked Charlie. Sort of restful just to have him around. Salutations were exchanged and after Charlie had obtained a pipeful in the usual way we two sat down on a pair of overturned gas drums for a smoke and a visit.

Now it happens that my dark-skinned friend is a firm believer in the old adage "silence is golden." Morover he lives up to his conviction in such a manner as to leave no room for criticism.

On this particular morning, however, I became somewhat bored after ten or fifteen minutes of wordless conversation and decided to start something.

"Charlie," said I, "What do you think of this social credit business?" A few long, delicious puffs and Charlie opened up:

"Ugh," he grunted, "no good. White guy still eat gopher, white squaw wear more gunny-sack." Then pointing with his pipe to a big gobbler strutting about the yard he continued: "Aberhart him jus' like old he-turkey. Much show-off. Much gobble-gobble. Heap big bluff. No fool Indian. Fool white man. Haw, Haw!"

H'mm, wish I'd kept still.

WAY BACK IN '35

"I tell you friends," shouted the excited orator, "NOTHING could do us more good than a one hundred per cent social credit government."

"Sure could," answered a juicy voice, "quite eashly!"

WON'T IT BE GRAND?—Now that the province is soon going to be extended to the arctic it will be possible for each of its citizens to be encased in a walrus hide (or is it alligator?) like our chief. Then we won't mind what people say about us.

NO CHANCE!—If anyone thinks our premier is still popular, he should try getting him out on a speaking tour with the enlarged school districts or gas conservation the basis for his speeches.

Solon the "Wise": "Wouldn't it be fine to have Zubick arrested before the next session?"

Willie the Wit: "Yeah—for Zubick!"

News Item: Premier Enjoying Holiday at Coast. What, again? Boy-oh-boy, wish we could do that. Now if only those dividends would start—Aw, shut up!

Teacher: "Jimmy, if we take three liberals, two conservatives and one social creditor and add them together, what have we?"

Jimmy (without hesitation): "Five persons who have some idea what a government is for and one who thinks Aberhart has."

No, Henry. Bronco Bill wasn't a real top-rider. He was just a guy who thought he could ride. But one day last summer he got busted up by a big bad horse called "Saskatchewan," so he quit the game.

The Month's Simile: As far-fetched as an Aberhart promise.

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REBELETTES

A TOUGH BREAK.—Friends of The Rebel will be sorry to hear that in consequence of slipping on an icy spot while crossing a street intersection on Jan. 14, the wife of the editor sustained a compound fracture of her right leg. She is now out of the hospital and making good progress toward recovery. In addition to being married to us, the "Missus" has certainly been getting more than her share of the bumps for some time. She has undergone four major and one minor operations; two years ago she was badly injured in a car smash-up, and now this!

NOT DEMOCRACY.—One of the reasons why the Aberhart party should be supported as given in the "Eighteen Reasons" pamphlet issued just prior to the election reads: "Social Credit is government of the people, by the people and for the people." After getting into office, the Aberhart government issued another pamphlet, entitled "A Sovereign People Demands Results," in which the foregoing is linked as **HARMFUL and FALSE**, in these words: "Perhaps the most **HARMFUL** statement on behalf of democracy was uttered by Abraham Lincoln when he said, 'Democracy is government of **THE PEOPLE**, by **THE PEOPLE**, for **THE PEOPLE**,' because the most superficial examination of this dictum has shown it to be **FALSE**, for **THE PEOPLE** are quite **UNABLE** to govern; are **UNFITTED** in every way to say how things should be rightly ordered." These contradictory "before" and "after" declarations are however but symbolic of the entire record of the government's performance in relation to its promises—a complete contradiction.

MORONIC ENGLISH.—In a recent editorial The Albertan takes a long over-due swat at those who have in late years been over-emphasizing the alleged need for more "simple" English. "The plea for simple English is praiseworthy enough," says The Albertan. "But it means English adequate to convey the meaning; and over-simplification may fail in this purpose as badly as verbosity." Quite so. And another angle that should not be overlooked is the hypocrisy of those who deliberately vulgarize their speech for the express purpose of appealing to the uneducated. It is a cheap trick used frequently by Aberhart, and there is no doubt that his "murdering" of the English language was part and parcel of his design to influence the moronic element of the electorate to his political advantage. We have been told many times that our English is too "highfalutin'" for the "common herd." Perhaps, but we would rather be accused of "talking over the heads" of the rabble and have the respect of the wise than drag language into the gutter to gain the flattery of fools.

NOT INTERESTED.—We have frequently been asked to criticise the government in regard to the Treasury Branches. We decline to do so for the same reason that we have refused to bother with the Production Tax and other legislative herrings of that kind. In the first place, we are not qualified to give intelligent criticism on the mechanics of such legislation. We are content to leave that to financial and economic experts. Our special field is in the morals and ethics of politics, in which we claim to be an expert. We do, however, assert this: That even if the idea of the treasury branches were perfectly sound, they will not work so long as the people have no confidence in the government; and no sane person could possibly have confidence in the Aberhart government. Even the best of legislation must be ineffective where the government is held in popular contempt. A government composed of dishonest persons cannot create respect for and confidence in itself—not even by honest legislation.

SLANDERING LIEUT. GOVERNOR!—Aberhart in Calgary Jan. 9: "Everyone knows why we haven't gone further. When a mortgage company can tell three days ahead that assent will be withheld from a piece of legislation, and I don't know till 10 minutes before the House prorogues, **YOU KNOW WHO'S IN ON THE THING.**"—This is a direct slander of the Lieutenant Governor. It implies as clearly as it possibly could do that the Lieutenant Governor is a low sort of scoundrel who would give a mortgage company advance information, as to his intentions in regard to legislation affecting it. It is really a double slander, carrying as it does also the related implication that His Honour is under the control of the financial interests. If Aberhart is not taken to task for this slander of the Lieutenant Governor, we should like to know just what greater indignity must be heaped upon His Majesty's representative before our M.L.A.'s can recognize an insult to him.

WHY DISCRIMINATE?—Rev. Fr. Lanphier of Toronto was suspended by the C.B.C. from broadcasting recently because he discussed Communism during Toronto's municipal election beyond the time allowed by the law. During the Athabasca bye-election, Aberhart violated the same law by broadcasting politics on the night before election day. Fr.

Lanphier is suspended, but Aberhart is allowed to get away with it. Why this favoring of the Alberta Premier who is **SUPPORTED** by Communists, and the penalizing of Fr. Lanphier who **OPPOSES** them? Why any discrimination at all?

ALIBI BILL.—Aberhart, at Olds, Jan. 6: "If you dare to give me a majority of less than 54 members in the next election, I'll quit." At Calgary, Jan. 8: "If we hope to reach our objective you might as well know now, as later that our reliance must be placed in God." Getting the stage all set for putting the blame on the people! Watch him. From now on we may expect all kinds of alibis to justify his sneaking "out from under."

WHO IS TO BLAME?—Hon. E. C. Manning in his broadcast from Edmonton on Sunday, Jan. 6, described as false the charges of opponents that efforts of his government "on behalf of the common people" are engendering bitterness and hard feeling. Manning has been an apt pupil of the Master Evader Aberhart in the art of replying to charges that have never been made. We defy Manning to produce even **ONE** example where any opponent of his government ever charged that the "efforts of his government **IN BEHALF OF THE COMMON PEOPLE**" had caused bitterness and hard feeling. Certainly there is bitterness and hard feeling. Certainly, also, it is indisputable that this discord and strife is due to Aberhart's gospel of intolerance and bigotry. But there is no evidence whatsoever that the Aberhart government has ever made any "efforts on behalf of the common people" or that the government has ever been criticised for anything of the sort.

ANOTHER GOSTICKLE.—Mrs. Edith Gostick, M.L.A., at Calgary Jan. 9: "Our own individual members can't give dividends unless you stand behind them." Forever passing the buck! If the payment of dividends depended upon Social Crediters "standing behind" the members of the Legislature, they should have been forthcoming long ago, for certainly no more fanatical support was ever before accorded legislators as that given Social Credit M.L.A.'s. But ever and without ceasing we hear the silly refrain: "You must stand behind us." The alibi is worn out by constant repetition, and Mrs. Gostick is no longer fooling anyone but herself. It is time for her to stop yelping about "standing behind" and to go 'way back and sit down, keep her mouth shut, open her ears and learn a bit of common sense.

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What Is The Rebel Driving At?

(Extracts from and elaboration upon radio address Jan. 17)

Many of you are aware, I think, that during the past three years or more I have been just a bit rough in my treatment of our Mr. Aberhart, and not exactly gentle with the followers of his peculiar religio-political hocus pocus. In consequence of my policy of relentless hostility, I have scores of times been asked such questions as, "Why are you so terribly harsh in your criticism?" "Why be so cruel in your condemnations?" "What good do you hope to achieve by insulting, shocking and annoying Social Crediters?" "Why don't you offer something constructive?" and many questions of a like nature, all of which can be summarized in the one query: Just what are you driving at?

I shall not answer this master question in full tonight, for in my plan—and I have a plan—the time for doing so has not yet arrived.

On the morning following my last broadcast from this station (CFCN), one of the leading Social Crediters of Calgary, a man who took a prominent part in putting the Aberhart party into power, phoned me, and among other things he said this: "Zubick, up to now I have always had my fingers crossed concerning you, but after hearing your talk last night, I uncrossed them. . . I see now what you are driving at." A Social Credit member of the legislature "told me virtually the same thing last week in the course of a visit at my home. Indeed, you would be surprised if you knew how many thinking Social Crediters have expressed themselves in similar manner by phone, letters and in personal conversations.

If you have been wondering what I have been driving at, let me ask you a few questions. Do you consider it likely that I **ENJOY** attacking Mr. Aberhart in regard to his public conduct as **viciously** as I have done? Do you think it has given me **PLEASURE** to castigate and lecture Social Crediters as mercilessly as I have done? Do you think I am so **thick-skinned** that I would perhaps **RELISH** the vile abuse which you may be sure has been coming my way all these years, and of which I have said virtually nothing? Or, judging upon what I have spoken and written, do you consider it possible that there has been a specific purpose and definite design in my tactics; that, if you prefer to put it that way, there has been method in my madness?

Let me touch upon a few high spots relative to my attitude toward Aberhartism these past three years or so. Since long before the '35 election I have consistently maintained that Mr. Aberhart is not a Social Creditor at all and that the theory of Social Credit has never been before the people of Alberta for discussion upon its merits, if any. What Mr. Aberhart presented was a senseless concoction of absurd prophetic piffle about the speckled horses of Zechariah, free pie from the sky, garnished with generous doses of a Rapture supposedly just around some corner or other, and so forth,—the whole mess wrapped in a deceptive coating of religious emotionalism. Time and again I have emphasized the simple, elementary truth that the Aberhart party won the election not by virtue of a superior plan, but precisely because it had NO PLAN at all.

Yet despite this simple truth, and perhaps BECAUSE of its very simplicity, the great majority of our public leaders in opposition to Aberhart insisted upon fighting Social Credit. Thus they wasted their and our time in vain, fruitless attempts to refute arguments over something that did not exist. When the election was over, they wondered what had struck them, and as a matter of fact many of them are even today still wandering around in a daze wondering what happened. They actually think they were licked because their party platforms were not as good as Aberhart's, and while they are now still fighting with the wool Aberhart pulled over their eyes—trying to devise something "constructive" to offer in place of the Aberhartian fraud, he goes merrily on with his fraud, and no doubt laughs up his sleeve over the stupidity of the opposition who cannot or will not see through and recognize his fraud for what it is. The trouble with these people is that instead of frankly reducing Aberhartism down to its simple elements of fraud (which they should know it to be), and dealing with it AS SUCH, they have taken Aberhart's bait and have been discussing complex and irrelevant side-issues injected by him to distract their attention away from his fraud. Thus they have made this VERY SIMPLE problem so complicated that all their attention is diverted to matters having no relation whatsoever to the basic issues.

Tell me, what sense is there in talking about Social Credit to an Aberhart fanatic? That is the one thing of which he knows NOTHING AT ALL. What good is a learned refutation of the A plus B Theorem to him? The Aberhartist does not think in terms related to the theory of Social Credit. HIS mind is crammed to overflowing with mental images of such verbal monsters as the Financial Octopus, the Money Barons, the Fifty Big Shots, and similar mental concepts which in his perverted imagination have assumed objective realities. So, when you speak to him about Social Credit, he simply does not know what you are talking about. Your ideas make no contact at all with his mental concepts. You are talking of one thing and he is thinking of something else entirely, and your learned argument can make no other impression than to convince him more firmly than ever that you are a paid heeler of the financial interests.

Knowing this simple truth, I have consistently refused to talk about or criticize Social Credit. Instead, I have dealt exclusively with the basic issues that ARE before us. And these are quite simple. I said it BEFORE the election, Major Douglas confirmed it immediately after the election, by its abdication to the Social Credit Board the government itself ACKNOWLEDGED it, and the whole world knows now, that what was presented to us in 1935 was NOT Social Credit. It was a vicious fraud, AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. It was a cruel, gigantic hoax perpetrated under the guise of religion. It was by means of this most ruthless deception that Aberhart crucified a suffering people upon the cross of his colossal conceit and inordinate ambition. With its appeal to greed and selfishness and these VICES made to appear as **SUBLIME VIRTUES**, under the sugar-coating of religious emotionalism, its effect was as hypnotic as the incantations of a voodoo witch doctor. The simple souls who succumbed to the spell were REALLY AND TRULY BEWITCHED, and, as in any form of deceit and error, those who were fooled the WORST, were, of course, by the very NATURE OF THEIR CONDITION, the LEAST conscious of their sorry plight.

What could be done to bring these people out of their trance? Argue with them about Social Credit? WORSE than useless! Be nice to them, plead with them? Equally useless. Try to win them by flattery? That was Aberhart's method, and would have been dishonest and hypocritical. The only thing to do was to shock them, slap them in the face, anger and annoy them—force them to think. So my psychology has been that which St. Paul used with the backsliding Galatians. When Paul wanted to bring these people back to their senses he did not flatter them. Instead, he addressed them thus: "O ye FOOLISH Galatians, who has bewitched you?" Do you think Paul called the Galatians fools because he HATED them, or because he loved them? Only an ENEMY will FLATTER you. Only a friend dares call you fool. Paul also said to them: "Am I therefore become your enemy because I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?"

Now, I do not pretend to be a Paul. But I am a patriot. I love my country. I certainly hate no human being. But I DO hate FRAUD AND DECEPTION. Especially do I hate with all my soul the chicanery of those who use religion to play upon the emotions of trusting souls for POLITICAL GAIN, who even have the blasphemous effrontery to preach their political nostrums as the Economy of God, and thus would reduce the Almighty to the level of a cheap magician who would do funny tricks with phoney money just to please the crazy whims of an unprincipled racketeer. The words of Bobby Burns which he had to

say of the "scoundrels wi' holy robes" of his day come to mind. Said the immortal bard:

"O Pope had I thy satire's darts to give the rascals their deserts,
I'd rip their rotten, hollow hearts and tell out loud
Their jugglin' hocus poems arts to cheat the crowd,
God knows I'm no' the thing I should be, nor am I e'en the
thing I could be;

But, twenty times, I rather would be an atheist clean.

Than under Gospel colours hid be JUST FOR A SCREEN."

And it is in solemn warning against these conscienceless political pulpsters that Lord Tweedsmuir says: "We dare not give our Christian faith any narrow political or economic interpretation. The Gospel is primarily concerned with spiritual redemption, not with social reform, and those who draw from it any special political creed, do VIOLENCE to its majesty." Nothing could be more damnable and blasphemous than the violence Aberhart has done to the majesty of the Gospel by the manner in which he has sought to draw from it the special political and economic creed of Social Credit.

You see, friends, I have not been content with merely scratching at the POLITICAL SURFACE of the problem before us. Because I saw through every phychological trick employed by Aberhart, understood every quirk of his peculiar theology, and fully appreciated the potent effect of his quackery upon the wishful and selfish inclination of human minds, I also knew the only possible remedy. I knew that the cure would necessitate digging down deep into the human element. This meant hurting people, cruelly; prodding their consciences, wounding their pride. So, like Paul, I called them fools, and worse. I hammered away at them with hard blows of cold, merciless logic and truth WHICH THEY COULD NOT DENY, and then "rubbed it in" with aggravating applications of ridicule and scorn. I knew that only in this way would they in due time realize that I had been their friend all along and Aberhart their worst enemy. Unable to refute the TRUTH of what I was telling them, they were bound to appreciate that I was in reality paying them the compliment of assuming that they had the intelligence, honesty and decency to recognize the truth when rightly presented, and that Aberhart's flattery and deception was the lowest of insults to their intelligence. The correctness of my logic is demonstrated by the fact that no one has ever been able to controvert even one of my arguments, and that I now count Social Crediters among my best friends.

I submit that by my method of DESTROYING this hypnotic, reason- and conscience-perverting spell cast over so many good people by this slimy, cowardly thing I call Aberhartism, I have rendered a more CONSTRUCTIVE service than has been accomplished by all the mental gyrations of certain public leaders in their foolish attempts to discover a so-called constructive alternative for a NON-EXISTENT Social Credit plan. What do YOU think? CAN there possibly be a RATIONAL, constructive approach to our problems until this IRRATIONAL, DESTRUCTIVE Aberhart delusion has been DESTROYED?

Let us have the courage to face the situation realistically. We know that the Aberhart party has never had and has not now a "plan" for the implementation of its fantasia. We know that there always have been and are now definite, specific political platforms in existence, all of them more constructive than the non-existent Social Credit platform. We know, further, that even if there were no such alternatives, any sane person could, in thirty minutes, write a better, more constructive platform than the Aberhart party has been able to devise in all the years of its existence. Let us face the simple, incontrovertible fact that the Aberhart party insinuated itself into power by FRAUD and BRIBERY under the cloak of religion. WITHOUT this religious hocus pocus, Social Credit so-called would have gotten no farther in Alberta than it has gotten elsewhere in the world. We know, too, that so long as people believe in the Aberhartian fraud, they cannot possibly give rational consideration to an HONEST alternative. The immediate problem therefore is that of disillusioning those whom Aberhart fooled with his fiendish deception. And that can be done with COMPLETE effectiveness only by forcing Aberhart into a position where he will be COMPELLED to acknowledge his fraud, and forcing him into this position can be done only ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE. Aberhart KNOWS this. THAT is why he has refused to fight back in the open and has kept his mouth closed in the legislature all these years.

Therefore, Aberhart must be made to "face the music" ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, so that HE himself will be compelled to open the eyes of his dupes. This is absolutely essential. Aberhartism must be wiped off the face of the earth COMPLETELY. A half-measure victory over Aberhartism at the polls would not solve our problems. An unconvinced minority of Aberhart fanatics would constitute a standing hazard to the moral and political stability of the province for many years. Therefore Aberhart must not be allowed to sneak out from under, but, as author of their delusion, must be forced to disillusion his dupes, and thus bring the whole sorry mess to an end.

This is the only rational, CONSTRUCTIVE approach to a truly constructive alternative to Aberhartism: DESTROY Aberhartism COMPLETELY.

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THE MAIL BAG

Extracts from a few of the hundreds of letters received.

EDMONTON.

Have just seen latest issue of The Rebel and have read every word of it, as I always do with The Rebel. Enclosed is my dollar subscription. Wish I could make it a hundred.

Just a word of grateful appreciation of your paper. We admire your courage in bringing the truth to the people of Alberta, and I don't think you will ever fear that pulp-pounding Billie trying to arrest you, as he as well as the rest of us know that you have the goods on him.

Many are truly sick of the present political machine and sincerely hope that a better state of things will speedily be ushered in.

Enclosed find dollar for subscription to the one paper that dares to expose Aberhart. Hope you may get sufficient ammunition to keep on shooting until this humbug S.C. is completely exploded.

CALGARY: I enclose one dollar, my name as well, to help you give that faker Hell.

DIDSBURY: Was in town last night and rustled eleven more subs. Will try to get more later. (Sent in total of 34 subscriptions.)

LOUSANA: Am enclosing a dime for sample copy. Will let you know whether it makes me mad or glad.

VERMILION: Took a turn around town the other day and here is the result—41 subscriptions.

VERMILION: We can only hope the police will forget party stuff and carry on to defeat the worst gang Alberta ever had. Wish I could afford to send out 100 copies of The Rebel, but Abie's debt laws have me down. I saved for old age, and he swept it away.

BRETON: We wish you luck in your fight. All war veterans should be on your side.

BERWYN: I take great pleasure in enclosing one smacker. I love the way you talk.

SUNNYBROOK: I and thousands more like me have a feeling of helplessness that is bad for general morale. If you think of what to do it will do a mighty lot of good.

MILLET: We listened to your broadcast and agreed with everything you said. You certainly deserve success for your fearless exposing of the members of the present government and the rest of the would-be leaders of the general public. Let us hope that everyone will wake up before it is quite too late to remedy the damage that Aberhart and his crew have done.

LUSCAR: It appears to be the only man in Alberta with the brains, ability and guts to come out openly and expose the dirtiest, yellowest coward, the most contemptible liar and hypocrite that ever entered public life in Canada.

FISHER HOME: Enclosed is my subscription. The only thing that burns me up is that I cannot buy up your whole issue and place a copy in the hands of every person in the province. If that could be done Aberhart and his gang would not last long. (Ed. Note. Hear, hear! If some of those people with money, who are now LOSING thousands of dollars because of Aberhart's crazy antics, had enough sense to put up the money to enable us to cover the province like a blanket with the first three issues of The Rebel, there is no doubt that Aberhartism would vanish like a mist before the sun. But we are going to win just the same.)

DIDSBURY: Many who were at first deceived by the S.C. movement now see the fallacy of the whole theory. Last week one of the leaders in the local movement wrote me a letter in which he stated that when he discovered the deception and fallacy of the whole thing it was the bitterest disappointment in his whole life.

RYLEY: What is The Rebel driving at? I did not hear your broadcast nor have I read your paper, but I think I know. It is my opinion that The Rebel wants the government ousted from office. Am I right? (Ed. Note. If, as you admit, you have not heard us speak nor read what we have written, you are not qualified to express an intelligent opinion in the matter. Since you appear to be a follower of Mr. Aberhart, who poses as a believer in Christian charity and whatnot, permit us to remind you of the Scriptural injunction: "He who ANSWERETH a matter before he HEARETH it, to him it is SIN." If you will do yourself the favor of hearing and reading what we have to say, then we shall be glad to give due consideration to whatever correction or instruction YOUR knowledge of the situation may qualify you to offer.)

WETASKIWIN: There is a lot of credit due you for the stand you are taking against Aberhart. He has given many of us old timers a lot to worry about.

WASKATENA: Brother, we are two and two together. Have just listened to your speech. Follow if I ever heard the truth, I heard it tonight. You started. Lead us on!

DIDSBURY: It is good to have The Rebel again. It is time Abie is getting it in the neck, and you are the only man with sufficient nerve to do it.

RYLEY: May God help you to be able to hasten the day when we shall be rid of the Aberhart government.

ECKVILLE: Heard your radio talk last night. That will make the old stutler next Sunday.

MANVILLE: I understand you are again in the field hitting home runs in the interests of cleaner government. Hope you will be able to "pitch out" the bloated Annanias. His hypocrisy is beyond understanding.

RIVERCOURSE: I think Mr. Aberhart's government is a disgrace to Alberta and the Dominion. I enjoy reading The Rebel and I get some real S.C.'s to read it too.

VIKING: You are saying out loud what a lot of us think. Hew close to the line and let the chips fall where they may.

VICTORIA, B.C.: I lived 40 years in Alberta and gave of the best that was in me for the good of the province. I am heart-broken over the way it has degraded these last years and although I do not know your immediate object or who you are, I am in hearty sympathy with anyone who rebels at the present condition of so-called government in Alberta.

STAVERS: Thanks for a lot of soul-satisfying reading material.

CARSTAIRS: Send me my favorite mag., you Rebel.

BENTLEY: Enclosed find money to cover cost of 6 copies each of No. 1 and 2, as I want to send them to some of my S.C. friends. Say, are they good? Alberta should feel proud of such a man as you who has the guts to come out and tell the truth. I'll pull all I can for you.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.: Good luck to you. I certainly do hope that you will bust this open thicket there will be results beneficial to the people of Alberta. We hope you shall have clear, untarnished vision with continued fearlessness, British chivalry and honest decency to continue your bombing of Aberhartism until it sinks into oblivion, 100 percent success to you.

KNEE HILL VALLEY: Must say I admire the stand you are taking in regard to the affairs of this province.

LETHBRIDGE: Noting that The Rebel is ready to shoot, here's hoping your accuracy maintains 100 percent with a bull's eye at every shot.

TRAYERS: Your first number was pretty hot and has stirred up the good brothers. One man here says you have got to be stopped. He didn't say how. Social Crediters seem to think their dear Premier can do no wrong.

PICARDVILLE: I agree with The Rebel that the sooner all this hypocrisy comes to an end the better for all concerned; but there are some pretty thick skins to pierce.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.: Whether you like to run or not, you should oppose a Social Credit candidate in the next election, preferably Bible Bill

himself. (Ed. Note. What a hope! If you know of any way of injecting enough guts into Aberhart to run as a candidate himself, we'll be glad to take him on anywhere, any time; and if we couldn't lick that fraud to a fuzzy frazzle in an open fight, we'd insist upon being locked up at Ponoka.)

CALGARY: You gave me the impression that you do not believe that all of the substance we use for food, clothing and shelter comes from Heaven. If such impression is correct, please state where they do come from. (Ed. Note. If by your observation you mean your impression to be that we do not believe God to be the Giver of all things, then you are mistaken. What we have condemned is the blasphemous and idolatrous presumption of those political puppeteers who, to further their pet political rackets, would make of the Almighty a sort of cheap magician to produce economic rabbits out of their political hats.)

SYLVAN LAKE: My wife and I agree that you are pursuing the right course and wish we could support you more financially. Good old sport, stay with it.

BLUFFTON: Those who are supporting Aberhart do not seem to have brains enough to see that if the charges you have made against Aberhart were not true, you would be in the clink long ago.

DIDSBURY: Your radio address this evening was superb. It does one good to listen to someone telling the real, unadulterated truth about Aberhart. . . . No matter what is ahead for The Rebel, I am behind it one hundred percent.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Alderman: I am shaking what a shame and pity that a man of your undoubted intelligence and ability should waste his time writing such rotten stuff. . . . Take my tip, Old Man, and turn your ability toward the task of eliminating poverty and want in this glorious land of ours, caused only through greed and selfishness. (Ed. Note. If you will be so good as to point to the "rotten stuff" you allege us to have written and prove it to be so, we shall be grateful to you. Regarding your very sensible "tip," our every effort has been directed toward elimination of the gospel of greed and selfishness which is the very heart and soul of Aberhart's religio-political poison.)

CALGARY: Many of us heard you on the air this evening. We all clapped our hands when you came off. We are with you! More power to you.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE: I want to say that you have hit the bull's eye every time you have pulled the trigger concerning the deeds of our Premier and his government.

DELIA: It appears to me that the only way to defeat Aberhart and his gang of racketeers is to expose them, and you are doing a good job. I suggest that those who agree with you should do their part by seeing that at least some of our votes get into the homes of well meaning people whose simple religious faith has made them easy prey for Aberhart's propaganda.

RED DEER: I am a Communist, and have been for 25 years. . . . Our so-called Communists of the so-called Communist Party of Canada, Alberta branch, prove themselves either just as thorough frauds as Aberhart himself or else unbelievably stupid by hobnobbing with his disciples.

CALGARY: Did Mr. Aberhart ever at any time do you an injury or a wrong of any kind? If not, I would like to know why you have such bitterness in your black heart against a man who is trying to better conditions. . . . If you were in Germany, where you belong, you would keep your dirty mouth shut or be shot, as you should be. (Ed. Note. Yes, Mr. Aberhart HAS at least tried to injure us. He "gave false witness" against us by slandering us from his pulpit. But that is not why we are fighting him. We oppose him for having fooled poor souls like you with his blasphemous religio-political piffle. We have no hatred for him personally and have never criticised him for anything but his PUBLIC conduct which is public business. WHY should we be in Germany? If you can tell us any good reason why we should be there, we shall consider doing. As a matter of fact, we HAVE been in Germany—were there in 1918 with the Canadian troops, after fighting against Germany in the mud and blood and lice of France. We are now fighting for exactly the same principles for which we fought then, and in fighting Aberhart, we are fighting an enemy no less real, although more cowardly, than those whom we fought in time of war.)

CALGARY: I heard your broadcast this week against our government. It seemed directed more personally at Mr. Aberhart. I am an old woman almost 78, and I can say I never heard anything so terribly untruthful and misleading. . . . You cannot hurt Mr. Aberhart. The Lord is with him and who can be against him? (Ed. Note. Telling us that we are untruthful means exactly nothing. SHOW us even ONE instance where we have spoken or written an untruth, and you shall have our sincere gratitude. So far, NOT ONE Aberhart fan has done it. Why not?)

OTTAWA: You have the earmarks of a depraved character. You are not fooling us; you don't belong to this world; you are a cosmic mistake; your abode is in hell; get this into your depraved mind. Son of Satan, Social Credit has come to stay, Social Credit is trying to create honest men and women.

Aberhartism Is Anti-Christian

WHY DO ALBERTA COMMUNISTS OPENLY SUPPORT THE ABERHART PARTY?

One of the crazy contradictions in the Alberta political mess is the unique spectacle of Social Crediters claiming, with their mouths, to be opposed to Communism, while, in PRACTICE, they openly seek, and receive, Communist support. The latest example is provided by Orvis Kennedy, M.P., the Social Creditor who appears frequently on Aberhart's Edmonton religio-political radio programs, where he makes a great show about his profession of Christianity. It is well known that Kennedy had the open support of the Communist party at the time of his election and that he thanked them publicly for their support. He thanked them again at a Communist gathering in Edmonton on January 4, in these words:

"I am thanking you again, whether the Journal likes it or not. The Journal has done nothing but ridicule me since I thanked the Communist party for their support when I won the East Edmonton election."

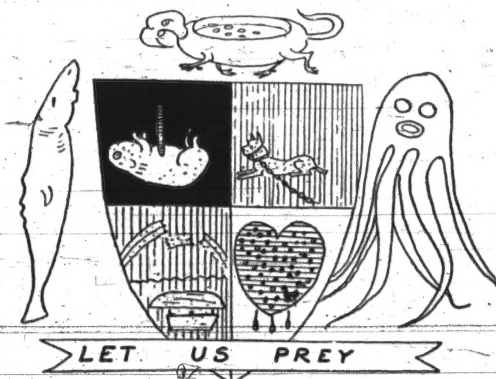
This mutual support of atheistic Communism and allegedly Christian Social Credit does not make sense until it is recognized that Aberhartism is in reality definitely anti-Christian and therefore plays directly into the hands of the Communists. According to Communist doctrine, "religion is the opium of the people;" and certainly no more apt description could be found for the so-called religion Aberhart has been peddling from his Calgary and Edmonton "opium joints." Communists realize that Aberhart's awful concoction which he pawns off as religion is indeed a potent opiate to drug the minds and souls of his dupes, and they see in the situation the double opportunity of discrediting all religion, and possibly gaining political control out of the chaos which they hope will result from the inevitable collapse of the Aberhartian fraud. Their tactics are entirely in harmony with Communist strategy, and the public in general, but particularly religious leaders, would do well to open their eyes to what is going on.

ANOTHER NIGHTMARE

(By an Edmonton Heraldry Expert)

EDMONTON.—We are all wrought up and excited over the coming Royal visit. Mr. William Aberhart is all wrought up, too. After his disappointment at the time of the Coronation, he is not going to let this opportunity pass for nothing. Mark my word, he is going to steal the show. No one else has a dog's chance. Not even His Honour the Lieutenant Governor chugging along in "Alberta L2" (kindly lent for the occasion by John McNeill) can expect to be noticed when preceded by Mr. Aberhart, in cocked hat and a full acre of white knee breeches, in that Dream Car.

See, on all four of the door panels are blazoned the Aberhart Arms, that masterpiece of Heraldry—the coat that really fits.



Arms Quarterly. (The monthly term is left for dividends.)

Of the First: On a field Sable a Golden Guinea Pig recumbent, with a Bloody-Test-tube engrafted in its Tummy, and three Stitches, emblematic of a Pain in the Neck. (Isn't this a beautiful picture of our "Sovereign Province?"

Of the Second: On a field of blue, a Golden Watchdog couchant, chained and gagged. (A pleasing picture of a Licensed Press.)

Of the Third: Gold on a field of the deepest Blue. A Broken Rainbow, and an Ark submerged. (No, this has nothing to do with Social Crediters being all wet.) The Rainbow is the Symbol of a Promise, and the Ark the Emblem of our Hope for \$25.

Of the Fourth: On a field Argent, the "Bleeding Heart of Douglas," punctured by 50 Big Shots. (That would make any heart bleed!)

And now we have Mr. Aberhart's own supporters in beautiful Allegory: a Royal Sturgeon and an Octopus (to the best of my knowledge the two biggest Suckers God has made.)

The Crest, you will observe, is a Collection Plate Passant, emblem of a Quick Clean-up.

The Motto, so beautifully expressive of the Sound uttered so frequently by Mr. Aberhart himself, is LET US PREY.

YOUNG MEN!

Will You Let "George" Do YOUR Job?

We quote from the Christmas message of Grant Carlyle, president of the Calgary Junior Board of Trade, to the membership of that body, in the December issue of The Trade Wind:

"God, how smug we can become! How smug we are! How we somehow manage to just go along from day to day without troublous thoughts about the state of things present and future. How we sit down to three square meals every day and live in comfortable homes, and shove out of our minds all thought of the fellow Canadian who sits down to Christmas dinner in a relief kitchen—if he gets a Christmas dinner, and lives in a 'jungle' or a two-bits-a-night flop house—if he has the two bits. How we go about our daily work and waste our evenings and other spare time selfishly on social activities, without any other idea in our heads than that 'George' should look after these things, and that there is nothing we can do even if we would.

If you don't do something soon, then George will, and you'll regret it sorely afterward, because George will make you tighten your belt, and give up some of the comforts you now accept so selfishly. But the most regrettable part of the story will be that YOU could have done enough to prevent this from happening, YOU could have helped to bring about a state of affairs in which all those who would work could provide themselves and families with a reasonable living. Maybe it will mean tightening your belt somewhat, but at least YOU can work to have it done VOLUNTARILY, which means democratically, rather than forcefully. Have we got brains enough as young men to see the situation in this light, or are we kin to the jelly fish which may have eyes to see a threat to its existence but no spine to fight it off?"

About a year ago we addressed the Junior Board of Trade in a vein similar to that indicated by the foregoing from Grant Carlyle. We tried to spur you to action. Among other things, we said:

"Time and again we have been told that we are the custodians of the future. It is time that we recognized this truth not merely as a compliment, but as a RESPONSIBILITY, and go about fitting ourselves for it by the exercise of our talents and development and application of our own ideas, rather than perhaps listening too much to others. There is a danger in this too-ready dependence upon others in the development of one's character and talents. It makes for intellectual laziness and induces lack of self-confidence. How often have you not, when a 'bright idea' flashed into your mind, turned it down as worthless simply because it was your own? And then perhaps on some other occasion you were subjected to the humiliation of having to take the same idea second-hand from someone else who had the self-confidence and courage to give expression to it?"

"Let us bear in mind, too—and not in derogation of the good intentions of the older generation, but as evidence that we are conscious of our own responsibility to the future—that the present deplorable conditions are largely the result of the failure of the older generation to cope with situations as they arose. Is it therefore not somewhat futile and perhaps even dangerous to place too great faith in the diagnoses and prescriptions of those who were so largely responsible for the disease? In fairness to the older generation, I recognize here that most of its representatives freely acknowledge their impotence and are constantly reminding us younger fellows of our responsibilities. It is WE who have been SLOW TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF THE DAY, hesitant to venture into new paths, afraid of making mistakes."

You may recall, some of you at least, that at the close of our address, the subject of which was "Fascism in Alberta," we presented a resolution the nature of which challenged you to take positive action in respect of a matter of vital importance. In essence, the resolution contended that whereas the Alberta government had no mandate from the people for its illegal legislation and repudiation of contractual obligations, the Lieutenant Governor should request the government's resignation and an election be held to the end that the people be given the opportunity to either approve or repudiate the government's conduct. The resolution was carried by a narrow margin. However, although no one criticised the content of the resolution, because of the close vote it was not forwarded to the proper authorities. Instead, by a subsequent vote, it was "tabled." It is still "on the table," awaiting your final disposition.

Young men of Alberta, when are you going to snap out of your inferiority complex? Are you going to continue, as Grant Carlyle says, to waste your time selfishly on social activities? Are you going to face your responsibilities VOLUNTARILY, or wait until you will be under COMPULSION to do so? Face them you MUST, sooner or later. You KNOW that the most vital problem before the people of Alberta today is the removal of the present DISHONEST government and its replacement by an HONEST administration. You KNOW that until this has been accomplished, there can be no rational approach to and therefore no solution of any of the perplexing economic problems before us. And, whether you like it or not, you MUST face this main problem in due time. Why—not face it now, voluntarily and courageously?

"Lose this day loitering—'twill be the same story
Tomorrow, and the next day more dilatory.
Then INDECISION brings its own delays,
And days are lost lamenting days.

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute!
What you can do, or dream you can, BEGIN it!
COURAGE has genius, power and magic in it.
Only ENGAGE, and then the mind grows heated;
BEGIN it, and the work will be COMPLETED."—Goethe.

ANOTHER GHOST LAID LOW

Alberta Social Credit being 99 percent religious quackery, its proponents are of course always on the lookout for anything of a religious nature which they may twist to seeming support of the allegedly "Christian" basis of their nostrum. Time and again, leaders of religion have been quoted, including Pope Pius, in their propaganda. It is therefore of interest to quote Cardinal Villeneuve, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, who, incidentally, has been mentioned in Rome as a possible successor to the present Pope. In an official communication published recently in L'Action Catholique, the cardinal says:

"Social Credit is a PROFANE affair which has NOT received the endorsement of ecclesiastical authorities. It is not to be accorded mass when Social Credit League meetings are held. Such meetings which are held in parish halls are without authority. . . . The Church is neutral in regard to the political party which the partisans of Social Credit are trying to form in various parts of the country, but IS CONCERNED with regard to its DOCTRINES. If its object is to effect a social reform, the church considers it INEFFECTIVE AND POWERLESS to accomplish its purpose. If it stands for a monetary reform, the Church would have to consider first what economic experts have to say on the system, and would wait for results."

Let our new Aberhart publicity bureau play THAT on its propaganda picture!

MIRACLE-ECONOMICS

"WHOSO BOASTETH HIMSELF OF A FALSE GIFT IS LIKE CLOUDS AND WIND WITHOUT RAIN."—Prov. 25, 14.

Time and again our promising, prophetic Premier has encouraged the impression that he is a sort of special agent of the Almighty and that his crazy political hocus pocus could be expected to bring, to use his own words, a "foretaste of the Millennium." Undoubtedly, it is largely because of the wishful thinking induced by Aberhart in this regard that so many of those deluded by his fiendish deception resent so vehemently the emphasis with which we object to his unholy admixture of his sectarian religion and partizan politics. The subtlety with which he sneaks his political stuff into the minds of his willingly gullible dupes under the guise of religion is well illustrated by the deceptive rigmarole through which he frequently goes in the course of his "sermons." A good illustration was that of Sunday, April 24, 1938. We took notes at that time and quote from them here.

Before the "prayer," one verse of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was sung. Then, Mr. Aberhart: "Can you pray and not doubt? I am expecting a big crop this year. God has prepared the moisture. I wonder if I can assure Him of your trust in him this afternoon."

During the prayer: "O God and Father, we come to Thee desiring Thy grace. So many of us have been so long face to face with the hard things of life . . . It is true all our determined efforts have been useless to produce results. Incline our hearts to lean on Thee and to expect great things of Thee."

After the prayer, but now more specifically linking the same thoughts with his political drive: "It is our firm conviction that the people of Western Canada may see a VERITABLE MIRACLE if they will place their faith in Him. Without this conviction I do not see how I could continue in this great work . . . Some of you honest-to-goodness people may EXPECT to SEE MIRACLES in your day. LOOK FOR THEM! EXPECT THEM!"

Get the idea!—Expecting a big crop . . . Can I assure Him of your trust? . . . Face to face with the hard things of life . . . Our efforts useless to produce results . . . Expect great things of Thee . . . May see a veritable miracle . . . Without this conviction I do not see how I could continue in this great work . . . May expect miracles in your day . . . Look for them! Expect them!

The "motif" throughout is one cleverly calculated to appeal to selfishness and greed; to expect MATERIAL results, even MIRACLES to produce them! Before the mind's eye the dollar sign is temptingly dangled to arouse the hope for "something for nothing," for temporal

blessings; the heart is set on material things. Indeed, Aberhartism is a RELIGION OF THE BELLY. It is MATERIALISM GONE MAD, because, while it would have the APPEARANCE of spirituality, its REAL appeal is purely materialistic, and for that reason is a doubly vicious fraud.

The matter is not to be taken lightly. Unquestionably, this brazen, fake spiritualization of rank materialism, if we may put it that way, was PRIMARILY responsible for the Aberhart victory in 1935. There is no good reason for assuming that if "social credit" had been presented upon its own merits, if any, it would have gotten no farther here than it has gotten elsewhere in the world where it had to stand on its own feet—where there was no rabble-rousing Aberhart to surround the idiotic drive with an aura of emotionalistic religion specially designed to appeal to the base passions of cupidity and greed. But it was not presented upon its own merits. Instead of being offered as a HUMAN idea—perhaps good, perhaps bad—but HUMAN, and therefore FALLIBLE, it was pawned off as something DIVINE and therefore, to wishfully trusting but in reality greedy souls, it was something INFALLIBLE.

If we are to believe Aberhart—which we do not, he himself expects miraculous intervention from Heaven to put "social credit" into effect. "All our efforts have been useless to produce results." These are his own words. He says that without his "firm conviction" that a "veritable miracle" would happen, he did not see how he could "continue in this great work." He tells people to LOOK for miracles; to EXPECT them. That he does not believe his own blather himself and that he uses it for the double purpose of deception on the one hand and as an alibi for getting out from under his fraud when the collapse comes is evident to all rational minds. But his followers believe it, trust in it as the purest Gospel. If they did NOT believe it, they could not possibly do other than denounce it for the deception it is.

Indeed, this cruel, greed-spiritualizing witchery is the very heart of Aberhart's fraud. Without it, he would have gotten exactly nowhere with "social credit" so-called. That there is not the remotest possibility of the God of Heaven's stepping down to provide a miracle just to pull Aberhart out of the dirty mess into which he has gotten himself, does not minimize the gravity of the fraud. Rather, it emphasizes its cruelty and demands the more insistently appropriate action to bring the criminal hoax to an end, so that the deluded fools may be restored to sanity and public affairs be conducted honorably and rationally.

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